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## HISTORY OF MT. ZION SOCIETY.

And the College Established Under its Auspices, in Winnsboro, S. C.

(By D. B. McCright, Published in The News and Herald in 1897.)

I. With what particular individual originated the scheme of organizing a Society for the especial promotion of education throughout the State of South Carolina, there is no record to show; at least, no one to which the author has as yet had access.

So far as the history of the Mt. Zion (or Zion) Society is placed upon record, the names of twelve citizens of South Carolina must claim the credit of this laudable enterprise.

The first item of the record of the Mt. Zion Society which is extant, is contained in a pamphlet published for the Society by Nathan Childs & Co., of Charleston, in 1784. This publication, embracing, according to its own title page, the "Rules of the Mt. Zion Society, established at Charleston, in South Carolina, January 9, 1777, and incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly of the said State, February 13, 1777. To which is prefixed the Act for its Incorporation."

This pamphlet recites in twenty-four Articles, the rules adopted for the good government of the Society, and besides these rules, there is a list of the names of all the members of the Society who enrolled themselves up to the 8th of October, 1784. These number 433. Of these only the names of twelve members appear upon the record as having adopted the rules alluded to.

Before giving these rules, as well as a complete list of the names of the members enrolled up to 1784, it will be proper to give the names of those famous twelve.

These are: Francis Adams, Robert Buchanan, Robert Ellison, Joseph Kirkland, John Kennerly, John Milling, David Milling, William Strother, Richard, Thomas Taylor, John Winn, and Thomas Woodward.

The Society was organized in the midst of martial scenes and events. On the very day of its formation, an order was issued by Gen. James Moore, commanding in Charleston, dividing and rearranging the troops. Thomas Woodward, Thomas Taylor, and John Winn, were delegates to the Provincial Congress, and also connected with the military.

It was not long before quite a number of the most distinguished citizens of South Carolina enrolled their names as members of the Mt. Zion Society. Many of these being citizens of Charleston, all the meetings were held there, of the Society proper, but authorized Committees were permitted to be formed by any five gentlemen, members of the Society, who resided in the country.

John Winn was the first president and Robert Ellison and William Strother the first wardens.

The general design of the Society as first formed is set forth in the preamble of the rules adopted. This preamble is prefaced with two verses from the Old Testament and reads as follows:

Preamble.—Arise, shine, for the Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee,—to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them Beauty for Ashes; The Oil of Joy for mourning; the Garment of praise for the Spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the Planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.—Isaiah lx, 1, and lxi, 3.

When we cast our eyes around and behold a rising generation, the greatest part whereof must live in ignorance, on account of these being no place of instruction near them, where they can be properly educated; Also, when we behold the orphan left forlorn, and the children of indigent parents, growing up more like a race of savages than Christians, becoming thereby useless to their country, to society, and themselves; we cannot help being sensible to those tender feelings which the Divine Being has impressed on our natures, as a spur to prompt us to lend a helping hand to succor and assist the destitute.

"If we will look into their own bosoms, and consider the generous seeds which are there planted, that might, if rightly cultivated, ennoble their lives, and make

their virtue venerable to futurity, surely they cannot, without tears, reflect on the many fine geniuses, in the remote parts of this State, who are entirely buried in oblivion, through lack of education.

"Our country calls, nay the voice of reason cries aloud to us, to promote knowledge as the finest cement of a State; and Conscience insists that it is our indispensable duty to instruct the ignorant in the Principles of Christianity. The more efficaciously to do which,

"We, whose names are annexed hereunto, have cheerfully entered into a Society," &c.

### Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at McMaster Co.'s, Obeas Drug Co.'s and John H. McMaster & Co.'s drug stores, price 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.

### The Rev. J. M. Carlisle Dead.

Spartanburg, June 7.—Special: The Rev. John M. Carlisle died here this afternoon.

About the year 1800 three sturdy brothers came over from Ireland and settled in Fairfield County. They were William, John and Henry Carlisle. The Rev. Jno. M. Carlisle was the son of John, and he was born in Fairfield County 78 years ago. He did not have the advantage of a collegiate education, but went to the best schools in his county. With much study and solid reading he knew much more than some men with diplomas from colleges. In December, 1844, when about 18 years old, he joined the South Carolina Conference. He served missions 11 years; circuits 16; stations 11, and a presiding elder's district four. He has been on the retired list about 19 years. For some time he was chaplain in one of the South Carolina regiments, and made an excellent chaplain. There are only two preachers in the conference, who have served longer than Mr. Carlisle. They are the Rev. A. M. Chreitzburg, who joined in 1839; and the Rev. John A. Porter who entered in 1841.

Mr. Carlisle was an earnest, strong, acceptable preacher. After the old style, he started his sermon in a slow, dignified manner, but he soon warmed up, and always preached a good sermon, replete with solid thought and wise suggestion. With clearness and force he elucidated his text and stuck to it, logical arrangements of his discourses being good.

He had the satisfaction of seeing two of his sons, John E. and Mark L., members of the South Carolina Conference. His other three sons, E. I., of Marlboro county, Chas. H. and James E., of this city, are highly esteemed for their excellent and upright lives. One daughter, Mrs. Jennings, lives in Spartanburg.—News and Courier.

### A Bad Scare.

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### Interesting to Asthmatic Sufferers.

"I have had asthma for three or four years and have tried about all the cough and asthma cures in the market," says Daniel Bantz, of Ottumwa, Iowa, "and have received treatment from physicians in New York and other cities, but got very little benefit until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar, which gave me immediate relief and I will never be without it in my house. I sincerely recommend it to all." Sold by McMaster Co.

## DEVELOPING THE CATAWBA.

Great Plant to be Developed on Catawba River—One at Great Falls to be a Big Affair—The Catawba Power Company Behind the Work—Engineers in the Field—Towns Around Will be Supplied With All Sorts of Power—Some Interesting Facts.

(Charlotte Observer, June 17.)

For the last two or three months many rumors have been afloat. Sometimes they have been vague and at others almost definite, to the effect that a movement was on foot to make some large water power developments on the Catawba river, south of the Catawba Power Company's plant. Those who are interested have steadily refused to give any information in connection with their purposes and intentions. Out of what has been seen, however, and of land transactions, the records of which are open to everybody, the evidences all point towards the developments which may be described tentatively as follows:

The plans are now nearly perfected for the development of the water power at the Great Falls, on the Catawba, near Chester and Winnsboro. At this point properties have been gotten together extending up and down the river for a distance of eight miles, controlling 173 feet fall. This power will be developed in units, one-third its total capacity; each unit will give from 25,000 to 30,000-horse power. At one of the points the developments can be quickly and cheaply made. This work will be undertaken without further delay and can be finished from within a year to 18 months, according to the flow of the river. It is the idea of those interested to put power into Gastonia and considerably more power into Charlotte. Connection will be made from the Great Falls to the Catawba Power Company's plant such a way that any of the plants can be run in co-operation with any other. The main line will carry the current at 44,000 volts.

The same people also own the Wateree river power, near Camden, and when the three new developments are completed at the Great Falls, then the Wateree power will be developed for 25,000 or 30,000-horse power. Taking the five developments together, viz.: the Catawba Power Company's plant, near Rock Hill, the three new proposed developments at the Catawba Falls; and the developments of the Wateree power, near Camden, all of which are within 40 miles, there will be a power of 110,000 horses all told.

This power, on the basis of 30 spindles per horse power on coarse goods, would operate 3,300,000 spindles; on a basis of 40 spindles per horse power on fine goods, it would operate 4,400,000. This is on a basis of the minimum flow of the river, and if the average flow should be considered and the value of the storage basin should also be considered, these developments when completed would operate 5,000,000 spindles. Of course all this power will not be used for running cotton spindles. Part of it is already in use in Charlotte for lighting the city, for running machine shops, and for all sorts of manufacturing interests. The company expects to bring its wires and currents this way to a very large extent. The plans are not yet completed, but it may be arranged to carry power to Columbia and Charleston. Of course Winnsboro, Chester and Rock Hill will get an ample supply for all their needs. Lancaster and Monroe will also come in for power from these developments. Charlotte and Gastonia will make the principal points of distribution from this section, but the power will be supplied wherever it may be needed within the vicinity of Charlotte. The high pressure mains will be run to Charlotte and Gastonia so that from these points power may be distributed in any direction in the neighborhood. Plans are now being prepared for the first development so that in that way the work is already begun. As soon as the plans are in shape to do so, the work will begin on the ground and if there are no serious and continuous floods in the river, the people who have the major in charge hope to have the first unit of 33,000-horse power at the Catawba Falls in operation by this time next year or certainly in the early fall at the latest.

Work has already been going on for nearly two months under the direction of Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., manager of the Catawba

Power Company's plant. A force of engineers and draftsmen are at work in the Piedmont building on the plans and a force of engineers and surveyors are at work in the field.

It has not yet been determined whether the first dam and power house will be put out to contract or built by day labor. In either event the work will be done under the direction of the manager here, Mr. Lee. Each of these four new developments will require something like a million dollars or over. The pole lines and other necessary auxiliary investment to make the entire aggregate investment something like five million dollars or more.

Dr. W. Gil Wylie, of New York, has been here several times lately and steadily refuses to talk, but whenever he comes something happens and he is readily organizing this entire Catawba power business and it may be counted on that all his plans will go through all right. In truth, as above stated, the work is already well begun.

### Huge Task.

It was a huge task, to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by McMaster Co., Obeas Drug Co. and John H. McMaster & Co., druggists; price 50c.

## CHANCELLOR HARPERS PORTRAIT

Given the Supreme Court—Career Of A Distinguished South Carolinian.

(The State, June 9)

It was noted in The State yesterday that the supreme court of South Carolina had been made the custodian of the portrait of Chancellor William Harper, the compatriot of O'Neill and David Johnson.

A few years ago the walls of the court room were bare, but now there look down upon the attorney and jurists of today the faces of many of the great and just judges of the years that have flown. There are portraits of other judges in the keeping of their descendants and these portraits should be added to the gallery which adorns the supreme court room, where the temperature is kept even all the year and where fire or mold cannot destroy. Col. U. R. Brooks, clerk of the court, is very careful of the portrait entrusted to the court as well as those donated. Among the portraits now held by the court are those of Mr. James L. Pettigru, Chief Justice John Belton O'Neill, Chancellors Dargan, Job Johnstone and Harper and Judges Munro and Heyward.

### CHANCELLOR WILLIAM HARPER.

Chancellor William Harper was born Jan. 17, 1790. His father, a minister in the Methodist church, came to America with Coke, Atterbury and Brazier. He landed in Charleston and preached in Trinity church in 1791. He was afterwards in charge of the Methodist church at Newberry.

By Rev. Mr. Harper's first wife there were two children, William and Wesley. William Harper graduated from the south Carolina college in the third class—in 1808. Instead of an oration he recited a poem which was highly commended.

William Harper studied medicine for a while in Charleston and afterwards read law in the office of Col. John Joel Chappell. He was admitted to the bar in 1813 and became and remained a partner of Col. Chappell until the latter was elected to congress. He first won distinction in the case of Butler vs. Haskell.

In 1813 he and John Caldwell were elected trustees of the South Carolina college. John Murphy, afterwards governor, was the first alumnus elected to that board and Harper was the next.

In 1816 Mr. Harper was elected to the legislature from Richland county and with D. E. Hager, Ben C. Yancey and W. D. Martin advocated the creation of a court of appeals. Mr. Harper married the daughter of David Coalter and with Mr. Coalter moved to Mississippi in 1818, where he rose rapidly and was soon elected chancellor. It is said that "he

fulfilled the onerous duties of office until the poverty of his compensation forced him to resign." Upon the death of Mr. Coalter, Mr. Harper returned to South Carolina in 1823 and in December was elected State reporter. He was the first to fill this office as a court office, although Messrs. Nott and McCord, under contract with Faust, State printer, had published four volumes of reports. Mr. Harper served as reporter one year 1824. During that time he argued with Mr. James L. Pettigru, then attorney general, the great case of Stoney vs. McNeil. He made a masterly argument in reply to Col. Hunt.

In the recess of the legislature in 1826, Mr. Harper was appointed by Gov. Manning to succeed Mr. John Gaillard in the United States senate. Mr. Harper did not offer for reelection and Judge Smith was sent back to the senate, from which the election of Gen. Robert Y. Hayne in 1822 had excluded him.

In 1827 he removed to Charleston where he practiced law with great success and in 1828 was elected to the house of representatives and became speaker succeeding John Belton O'Neill in that office. That year he was elected to succeed Chancellor Thompson, resigned. For two years he served in this capacity and his decisions are said to be "remarkable for the care, ability and just judgment with which they were prepared and decided."

In 1830 he and Judge O'Neill were placed on the appeal bench, the other member being David Johnson, afterwards governor.

In 1832 Judge Harper was a member of the nullification convention. In 1835 the court of appeals was discontinued and Judges Johnson and Harper were elected chancellors.

Under an act of 1842 Judge Harper was given leave of absence for six months, which he spent in Europe. The narration of his travels was very interesting. He died on the 16th of October, 1847.

He had long been an invalid, but his death carried mourning over the entire State.

It is said that his talents were of the first order. "He was heard with delight in deliberate assemblies, but to be appreciated properly had to be heard in the consultation room. His memory was stored with cases, and he had wonderful facility for applying them." His memory is said to have been marvelous. Poetry, law and literature alike were at his fingers' ends.

Judge Harper was remarkable also for the patience which he exhibited while on the bench. He was one of the kindest of men and had the least vanity of which human nature is susceptible. He loved his family and friends with unchangeable affection. He died in the faith of the Episcopal church. Judge O'Neill's tribute is: "He merited everything which love or friendship could award."

David Coalter, father-in-law of Judge Harper, died at the summer home of another son-in-law W. C. Preston, at Abingdon, Va. Among the surviving relatives of Chancellor Harper are J. Hagood Means, David Harper Means, John G. Mobley and Beverly M. English of this city.

### The Key to Success.

The following sentence from the report of the Mosley Commission which came over from England to study educational conditions in America, is full of wholesome truth and is a correct definition of true education:

"Education cannot be regarded as successful unless it creates the appetite for knowledge and if a child leaves school with the thirst for knowledge strong within him he carries with him not only the key to success in after life, but the most priceless gift that a teacher can impart."

### Found a Cure for Dyspepsia.

Mrs. S. Lindsay, of Port William, Ontario, Canada, who has suffered quite a number of years from dyspepsia and great pains in the stomach, was advised by her druggist to take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. She did so and says: "I find that they have done me a great deal of good. I have never had any suffering since I began using them." If troubled with dyspepsia or indigestion why not take these Tablets, get well and stay well? For sale by Obeas Drug Co.

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